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SUBJECT: TIN CONFERENCE: REFERENCE TO NIEO

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1. USDEL WOULD GLADLY SUPPORT FRG PROPOSAL ALONG LINES
OF PARA 4 REFTEL IF FRG DEL WOULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN
MAKING IT. FACT IS THAT EXCEPT FOR BRIEF STATEMENT
SUPPORTING UK EXPRESSION OF PREFERENCE FOR PARA. (B) OF
PREAMBLE WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO NIEO, FRG HAS REMAINED
SILENT ON ISSUE IN NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. USDEL HAS MADE
AMPLEY CLEAR IN NEGOTIATING SESSIONS AND IN CORRIDOR
DISCUSSIONS THAT IT OPPOSES REFERENCES TO DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES, PROGRAM OF ACTION AND THE MIEO (SEE
USDEL STATEMENT IN GENEVA 4111 - NOTAL). USDEL SURPRISED
THAT USUN OR DEPT. WOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY THAT USDEL
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WOULD ACT OTHERWISE. HOWEVER, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS AND

AUSTRALIA INDICATED THEY COULD ACCEPT INDONESIAN PROPOSAL FOR INCLUDING SUCH REFERENCE.

2. USDEL HAS NOT MADE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL IN NEGOTIATING SESSIONS, NEITHER ALONG LINES OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF REFTTEL NOR ANY OTHER. CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN HAS WISELY DEFERRED FURTHER DEBATE ON PREAMBLE UNTIL MOST DIFFICULT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES ARE RESOLVED (SIZE AND FINANCING OF BUFFER STOCK, PRICE RANGES, ETC.).

3. QUESTION HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN CONSUMER GROUP DISCUSSIONS WHERE USDEL HAS URGED OTHER CONSUMERS (SOME OF WHICH ARE LDC'S WHO HAVE ON OTHER OCCASIONS SUPPORTED NIEO, CERD, ETC.) TO SEEK AMENDMENT OF INDONESIAN PROPOSAL IN DIRECTION OF FORMULAS WHICH USG CONSIDERS ACCEPTABLE (AS SPECIFIED IN USDEL POSITION PAPER AND UNEC D-257/75 ADD.1). CONSENSUS IS THAT LDC PRODUCERS (WITH AT LEAST TACIT AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT) WILL INSIST ON SOME REFERENCE TO NIEO AND BEST WE CAN EXPECT IS FORMULATION WHICH MERELY REFERS TO A NIEO WITHOUT SUPPORTING THE NIEO. TEXT CITED PARA. 1 IS ONE OF POSSIBLE VERSIONS WHICH CONSUMERS HAVE JOINTLY WORKED OUT FOR USE IN EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRODUCERS. ONLY FRG DEL HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO CLING TO UNREALISTIC NOTION THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO AVOID ALL REFERENCE TO NIEO, BUT HAS NOT INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CARRY THE ARGUMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

4. USDEL HAS EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH FRG DEL AND HEAD OF FRG DEL (OBERNOLTE OF ECONOMICS MINISTRY) WHO HAS EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POSITION. HE TOLD USREP THAT HE ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIS MINISTRY WHICH QUERIED HIM ON POINT LAST WEEK. USDEL CONSIDERS IT OWES NO APOLOGY TO FRG IN THIS RESPECT.
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